

ABSTRACT

A weighted retaining member for use with a stringer of the type used to secure fish that have been caught. The retaining member comprises a body in the general configuration of an animal or fish body, a fish configuration typically having a mouth and
5 a tail. The body is configured to be operatively connected to a fish stringer such that the body is suspended from the stringer and hangs in the natural orientation of a fish. The retaining member may also be pre-configured as a fish stringer having the retainer already attached to one end of the stringer. When the retaining member is suspended from a fish stringer in proximity to free-swimming fish, the retaining member is accepted
10 as a part of the natural surroundings and, accordingly, may be used in proximity to a fishing lure without driving fish away. The retaining member is weighted sufficiently to keep fish retained on the stringer under water.